



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Gaffney High School
CHEROKEE
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 2,021**
Principal: Raashad Fitzpatrick
Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore
Board Chair: Mike Ellis

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	17	8	1	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Passed 2 subtests (%)	79.6%	78.1%	77.8%	72.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.0%	9.3%	13.4%	17.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.4%	12.6%	9.2%	10.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.0%	90.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	522	236
Number of diplomas	404	176
Rate (%)	77.4%	75.4%

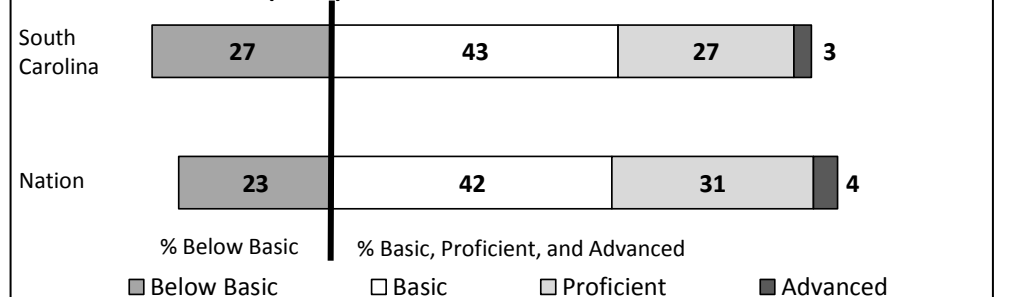
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	74.5%	77.5%
English 1	61.7%	67.9%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	60.1%	72.2%
US History and the Constitution	52.7%	55.9%
All Tests	61.3%	67.3%

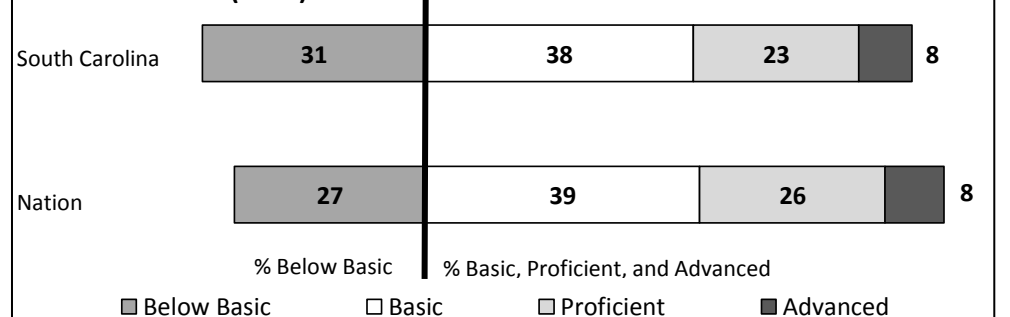
NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

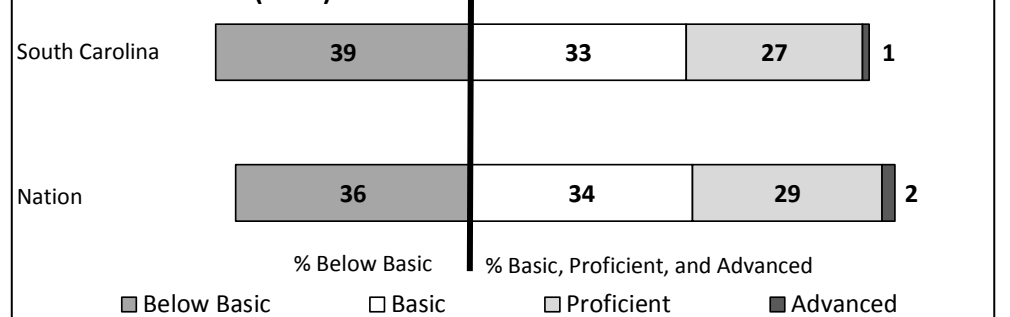
READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



MATH - GRADE 8 (2013)



SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011)



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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CHEROKEE
SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 2,021)				
Retention Rate	6.6%	Up from 4.8%	3.9%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	97.2%	Up from 97.1%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.3%	Down from 20.5%	16.3%	17.7%
With disabilities	9.1%	Up from 8.9%	11.9%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	6.5%	Up from 6.0%	8.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.3%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.1%	Down from 16.7%	14.1%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.0%	Down from 53.0%	52.0%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	67.6%	Down from 68.0%	30.2%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	8.2%	Down from 9.0%	3.2%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	792	Up from 776	377	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.4%	Up from 80.8%	83.3%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.8%	Down from 1.9%	2.8%	2.1%
Teachers (n = 117)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.2%	Up from 62.9%	63.0%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	80.3%	Down from 85.3%	78.5%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.2%	Down from 88.8%	86.9%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	93.2%	Down from 94.4%	95.1%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,065	Up 0.5%	\$47,911	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.5%	3.3%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Up from 9.7 days	10.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.9 to 1	Up from 25.0 to 1	25.7 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 90.4%	90.2%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,321	Up 6.6%	\$8,110	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.2%	Up from 60.0%	57.5%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.5%	Down from 63.0%	58.4%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 94.6%	99.5%	98.7%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	81.1	Up from 65.9	83.8	84.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	73	269	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.2%	52.4%	60.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.2%	66.2%	64.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.9%	78.1%	50.9%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

At Gaffney High School our students excel in academics, athletics, and the arts. Gaffney High School represents excellence in education. The 2013-2014 school year was a great year for Gaffney High School. Our students and staff earned local, state, and national recognition in academics, athletics, and the arts. The senior class earned nearly 11 million dollars in scholarship money. Gaffney High Students successfully completed Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses. Gaffney High School was named a “school of distinction” by the National Beta Club because of the level of rigor in academic courses. The staff at GHS was invited to present at the National High Schools That Work conference because of the Platinum Award status earned by increases in student achievement. Our students also increased the passage rate on End of Course Exams.

The pride and tradition associated with Gaffney High School enabled us to be champions at everything we do. The Band of Gold performed at the National Memorial Day parade in Washington, DC. The band and chorus received numerous group and individual awards. Our athletic teams continued to perform at a high level. Athletic success was evident by team or individual success in the playoffs, region, and state championships. Several Gaffney High School student-athletes earned scholarships to compete at the collegiate level.

As the faculty and staff continue efforts to build a college-going culture at Gaffney High, I am confident our students will be prepared to succeed in the 21st Century.

Raashad Fitzpatrick, Principal

Antoinette Gardner, SIC Chair

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